

REMARKS

Presently, claims 4-7 and 11-20 are pending, with claims 4-7 and 11, previously withdrawn. Claims 15, 17 and 18 currently stand rejected, whereas claims 19 and 20 have been allowed for which applicants extend their thanks.

35 U.S.C. §101 Rejection of Claims 15, 17, and 18

Claims 15, 17, and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as failing to recite statutory subject matter. In this regard, the examiner contends that the claims fail to pass the machine or transformation test, notwithstanding applicants' prior amendments to claim 15.

Applicants have now amended claims 15-18 to recite that the individual steps of each claim are now performed by applicants' film grain generation apparatus. Thus, applicants' amended claims 15-18 now recite a machine (i.e., a film grain generation apparatus), thereby satisfying the "machine or transformation" safe harbor established by the USPTO guidelines. In view of the amendment to claims 15-18, applicants request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §101 rejection of claims 15, 17 and 18.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, applicants solicit entry of this amendment and allowance of the claims. If the Examiner cannot take such action, the Examiner should contact the applicant's attorney at (609) 734-6820 to arrange a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview.

No fees are believed due with regard to this Amendment. Please charge any fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **07-0832**.

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